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Melanie Hill, Executive Director
Tennessee health Services and Development Agency
502 Deaderick Street
Andrew Jackson Building, 9th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Compass Intervention Center

Dear Ms. Hill,

On behalf of Madison County Juvenile Court, I want to express our strong support for Compass Intervention Center's Certificate of Need application.

As the Juvenile Court Judge of Madison County, I hear all matters involving our children in need. Children deserve the best services we can provide them whether they are abused and neglected or delinquent. I could not imagine our court system being a rehabilitative environment without the help and support of the Compass intervention Center.

The need for services in our county is enormous, but we need effective, evidence-based facilities like Compass. Many providers avail themselves to the Court, but the expertise and professionalism of Jennifer Adams and the staff at Compass is superior. I entrust them daily with the care of our children in crisis. There is a great need in our community and region for additional capacity for child and adolescent mental health services. The vast majority of psychiatric beds in the region are dedicated to treating adult patients, and as a result, accessing child and adolescent services is increasingly difficult.

I could not imagine Madison County's Juvenile Court system without the help of Compass. We have so many success stories of children who are able to be productive members of society because of the services provided to them by this stellar agency.

I offer my full support for Compass in this endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Christy R. Little, Judge



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Scott Balogh, MD
Assistant Professor, UTHSC
Department of Addiction Science
Medical Director
The Oaks at La Paloma

December 9, 2016

Melanie Hill, Executive director
Tennessee Health Services and Development Agency
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Andrew Jackson Bldg., 9th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Compass Intervention Center

Dear Ms. Hill:

I want to express my strong support for Compass Intervention Center's Certificate of Need application.

Child and adolescent behavioral health services are lacking necessary capacity to meet the needs of Memphis and Shelby County. The majority of available beds in the region are dedicated to treating adult patients, and accessing child and adolescent services is increasingly difficult. Children and families in Memphis and Shelby County experience trauma, mental health disorders and addictions very high rates, and the socioeconomic realities in Memphis make the need all-the-more great. As a community we are in desperate need of additional services from partners that are committed to working the people that we serve.

Compass specializes in the treatment of trauma and co-occurring addictions, and additional inpatient beds are desperately needed to appropriately address the amount of need in our community.

Again I offer my support for Compass in this endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Balogh MD".
Scott Balogh MD



HARDIN COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS COURT

DANIEL L. SMITH
JUDGE

December 8, 2016

Melanie Hill, Executive Director
Tennessee Health Services and Development Agency
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Re: Compass Intervention Center's Certificate of Need Application

Dear Ms. Hill:

On behalf of the Juvenile Court of Hardin County, I am writing to express the strong support of the court for Compass Intervention Center's Certificate of Need application.

As a Juvenile Court Judge serving children, adolescents, and families, I am frequently required to address mental health issues that drive substance use, and behavioral problems. Many children and adolescents that come through the court system have often experienced trauma as a result of abuse, neglect, or an adverse life event.

Because of these traumas and other problems that I encounter every week, there is a great need in our community for additional capacity for child and adolescent mental health services. In my experience, there are currently insufficient beds at facilities in the region for the children and adolescents that appear in my courtroom to always receive timely placement at a treatment facility. Compass and other treatment facilities are often at capacity and do not always have beds available as quickly as we need them for prompt treatment of children that have undergone various traumas. Furthermore, Compass is the only treatment facility in the area dedicated exclusively to children and adolescents. Adding additional beds at Compass, would help to relieve and prevent these delays, and would allow troubled and traumatized children to get help at a facility dedicated exclusively to children and adolescents.

This court has referred children and adolescents to Compass many times over the past several years and has been pleased with the outcomes of individuals who have received residential treatment there. The professionals at Compass have worked this court to provide screening and assessment services which has been extremely beneficial to the court.

For all of the reasons above, I strongly support Compass in this endeavor. Thank you for your consideration of this letter, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Smith
General Sessions and Juvenile Judge

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RE: Compass Intervention

Dear Ms. Hill:

On behalf of Haywood County Juvenile Court, I wish to express our strong support for Compass Intervention Center's Certificate of Need application.

Our agency serves children and adolescences in the rural West Tennessee area. Many of the youth that we serve are in need of mental health related services.

Our community and region is in great need for additional capacity for child and adolescent mental health services. The vast majority of psychiatric beds in our region are dedicated to treating adult patients, particularly for acute treatment needs. As a result, accessing services for youth with these needs is increasingly difficult for the courts.

Compass utilizes treatment plans and programs that have proved effective for the children in our community for many years. The staff at Compass has worked with the courts on assessments for youth in our community as well as provided needed treatment in a residential setting when deemed appropriate.

We offer our support for Compass in this endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Judge J. Roland Reid
Haywood County Juvenile Court